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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 4 November 1958

FROM : Chief, Guided Missile Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, October 1958

1. Status of Support Projects:

- ✓ a. Project 30.2431: With invaluable and timely assistance from Chief, D/I, ORR's re-examination of the Soviet ICBM production and deployment program was completed and forwarded by the Branch to GMIC on 25 October. Additional Branch support to GMIC included a briefing by Chief, I/GM on 28 October with respect to the major findings of the study. As in the past, the ORR contribution and briefing constituted the sole analysis of the production and deployment aspects of the problem available to GMIC in its deliberations. Our analysis revealed a number of areas in which collection opportunities should increase substantially in the next 12-18 months and against which we should now begin preparing collection programs. As an initial step, [REDACTED] the Branch member of the DD/P Task Force, is currently examining the paper for use, at an appropriate classification level, for collection guidance purposes in DD/P. Copies of the paper are also being circulated within the Branch with the request that analysts apply a similar approach (i.e., what should be going on, now and in the future, and what collection action does this suggest?) to the missile systems for which they are responsible. Contributions from other ERA branches, prepared on extremely short notice, varied considerably in quality. In general, they highlighted a number of areas in other branches where additional research appears to be required. This project, coming hard on the heels of another major unscheduled support project (NESC), has disrupted considerably the scheduled Branch research program and other Branch activities designed to increase our capability of answering such requests in the future. On the other hand, by forcing analysis of a critical problem at this time, the project had great value to the Branch by increasing our understanding of what is involved in the estimated ICBM program and focusing attention on the collection implications.

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- e b. Project 37.2122: This DD/P support project is approaching completion in draft and will shortly be ready for Branch review.
- e c. S-357: This briefing paper for GMIC, the CCPC and possibly the NSC has been deferred because of Project 30.2431, but will benefit materially from the analysis performed in that project.

2. Status of Branch Projects:

- e Project 37.2123: This report on the Dnepropetrovsk Automotive Plant (DAZ) and its missile activities has been returned to the responsible analysts for reorganization, substantial revision, and incorporation of considerable new information.

3. Relationships with Other Components:

- a. During several lengthy conferences, the Branch provided support to the Deputy Chief, GMD/OSI, who is on loan to Dr. Kistiakowsky of the U.S. Delegation to the forthcoming Geneva meetings on safeguards against surprise attack. This support supplemented the paper prepared for Dr. Kistiakowsky by the Branch's cleared Consultant,

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- c. The Branch member of the DD/P Guided Missile Task Force has been meeting informally on a regularly scheduled basis with analysts throughout the ERA whose responsibilities include some aspect of the guided missile program. These meetings have been held primarily for the purpose of eliciting support and suggestions for collection against missile-related targets, but have also served to bring about closer coordination of the missile research effort within the ERA. Participation of a number of other branches in both Projects 30.2431 and 30.2432 has also aided in closer integration of research, although some problem areas have been noted as a result of these projects.

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4. Future Plans:

- a. Largely on the initiative of the CIA member of GMIC, the USIB has agreed to convene an Ad Hoc Panel of Consultants to consider the status of the Soviet ICBM program. The panel will meet on 12-14 November and I/GM has been requested to brief the group on 12 November on the production and deployment aspects of the program. We have some reservations about the contribution which can be expected from this Panel on the basis of the present agenda, which provides one day exclusively for briefings, one day for discussion, and a third day for preparation of the final report and its presentation to USIB.

- b. Arrangements are being made, at the invitation of OO/C, for the DD/I members of the DD/P Task Force to present a special guided missile intelligence briefing at a regional conference of [REDACTED] to be held in [REDACTED] in mid-November. In addition to providing the

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OO representatives with a first-hand appreciation of the problems of collection and analysis of missile data, it is hoped that participation in the conference will result in improved arrangements for the selection [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] for particular missile collection missions.

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Ideally, such arrangements would permit an increasing number of cases to be briefed and debriefed in detail by missile specialists at Headquarters, as in the recent case [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had no opportunity to collect most of the information we sought, he did produce some data of potential value, and the briefing and debriefing arrangements were exceptionally satisfactory. Our experience with [REDACTED] and other [REDACTED] clearly indicates the feasibility of collecting certain types of priority information by this means.

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program by either [REDACTED] or his successor.

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- d. [REDACTED] will be the ORR representative on an Agency group which will visit the Ballistic Missile Division headquarters in mid-November to survey BMD document output and to make arrangements for CIA receipt on a continuing basis of selected publications and reports.
- e. As will be seen from this report, a large and increasing portion of the Branch's effort is being devoted to problems of collection and collection guidance. This trend is deliberate and reflects our conviction that collection remains one of our highest priority objectives, although it requires a sizable investment of time and personnel.

5. Recommendations:

It is recommended that one 18-inch carriage IBM electric typewriter be provided this Branch from any source compatible with current Division policy(ies). The Branch requirement for this item of equipment was well stated by Chief, Industrial Division, in his memorandum of 3 April 1958 to Chief, Management Staff.

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